

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**

☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE:

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson
Office: District Judge, 3rd Judicial District Court, Div. A
Parish: LINCOLN, UNION
Election Date: 11/6/2018
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: SUPP2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 2/23/2021
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$7,185.31

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days Late: 5
Late Fee Order Received: 4/29/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 2/26/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Chairperson Tonya Wade faxed in waiver request and states that they realize that the report was due on 2/18/21 but due to harsh winter weather their office in Ruston was forced to be closed for the week of 2/15-19/21. They returned to work on 2/22/21 and started to complete the form along with their other work from the prior week at that time.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

WADE & PERRY
Certified Public Accountants
A Professional Accounting Corporation
Members: AICPA/ Society of LCPA's

TO: Louisiana Board of Ethics
P. O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Late fee assessment for Nov. 6, 2018 Election
Jeff "Jeffrey" Robinson
Certified Mail No. 70200640000079871933
Date of notice: February 19, 2021


DATE: March 4, 2021

I am writing to request a penalty abatement for the \$2,000 penalty assessed to Jeff Robinson for failure to file a timely supplemental report for the Nov. 6, 2018 election. Mr. Robinson ran unopposed in the election. Our office understood that the candidate only needed to file the 30-P report since he ran unopposed. We later discovered that a supplemental report needed to be filed for the election. This was discovered when the candidate was preparing for his next election. We inquired of the ethics board about moving loans from the previous campaign to the new campaign. This is when we discovered the need for the supplemental report. At that point, we filed the necessary report and filed timely supplemental reports on that particular campaign the following two years. No other notice was received that the supplemental report had not been filed.

We are asking for a waiver of the assessment based on our filing history since the discovery of the error.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Tonya Wade
Wade & Perry, CPAs APAC

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson
November 6, 2018 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson, in his capacity as a candidate for District Judge / 3rd Judicial District Court, Div. A in the November 6, 2018 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

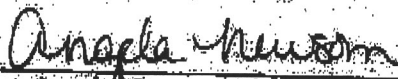
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4D, Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson was required to file a Supplemental Report by February 15, 2019. Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson filed the report on February 10, 2020 and was 360 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(i) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$2,000 is assessed against Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 19th day of February 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.


Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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February 19, 2021

Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson
870 Chandler Rd.
Ruston, LA 71270-3099

CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70200640000079871933

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 6, 2018 Election
2018 Supplemental Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 360 days late

Dear Jeff "Jeffery" Robinson:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$2,000 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the date and time prior to the hearing.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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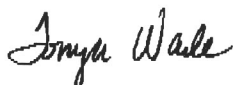
RE:

Tonya Wade, Chairperson
Jeff Robinson for Judge Campaign Committee
116 N. Pinecrest Drive
Ruston, LA 71270
Certified Mail #70202450000010757916

To whom it may concern:

I am writing regarding the notice of delinquency received for the late filing of the supplemental campaign finance disclosure report for the November 6, 2018 election. We realize that the report was due by February 18, 2021. We would like to respectfully ask for an abatement of the late filing fees. Harsh winter weather here in Ruston, LA forced our office to close the entire week of February 15-19. We returned to work on February 22nd and started to complete the reports, along with our other work from the prior week, at that time.

Thank you,



Tonya Wade
Chairperson



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February 23, 2021

Tonya Wade, Chairperson
Jeff Robinson for Judge Campaign Committee
116 N. Pinecrest Dr.
Ruston, LA 71270

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NO. 70202450000010757916

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

Dear Tonya Wade:

Your Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report for the November 6, 2018 election, which was due February 18, 2021, has not been filed. You are subject to automatic late filing fees for every day that report is late.

**A LATE FILING FEE OF \$60 PER DAY IS NOW BEING
ASSESSED FOR EVERY DAY YOUR REPORT IS LATE.**

**All candidates for Major or District level offices are required by law to
electronically file their financial disclosure reports.**

If your report is not filed by March 10, 2021, **additional** penalties of up to \$10,000 may be imposed by the Board of Ethics after an administrative hearing is conducted.

Once your report is received, you will be sent a notice for the total late fees assessed.



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